

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The City of West Lafayette holds the health, safety and quality of life of its citizens as chief concern; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of West Lafayette recognizes that the Internet has become an essential tool allowing us to better connect with family and friends, work more efficiently and better manage our everyday lives;

**WHEREAS:** The City of West Lafayette understands that with these benefits also come potential new risks to our confidential information and privacy;

**WHEREAS:** According to a recent national study, parents claim to be more informed about their teens' online activities than teens believe them to be; and

**WHEREAS:** 43% of teens say they have posted something online that they later regretted; and;

**WHEREAS:** Older adults often do not get started online out of a sense that the Internet is not to be trusted because of questionable content or online actors.; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of West Lafayette recognizes that people of all ages should know how to protect their private accounts and information; and

**WHEREAS:** Increasing awareness, education and training creates digital community that is safer and more resistant from online attacks;

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Congress has designated June, 2015, as National Internet Safety Month;

**NOW, THEREFORE MAY IT BE RESOLVED** that the City of West Lafayette does hereby proclaim June 2, 2015, as "West Lafayette Internet Safety Day"

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of West Lafayette encourages the citizens to recognize the importance of Internet Safety for all users and to observe this month with activities, events and/or educational training that will increase knowledge and awareness of Internet Safety.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2015

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John R. Dennis, Mayor

